IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

11 JOHN A JOHNSON,

No C-09-0948 VRW (PR)

Petitioner,

v

RICHARD J HAUGNER et al,

ORDER OF DISMISSAL

Respondent(s).

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Petitioner, a state prisoner incarcerated at California State Prison in Corcoran, California, has filed a pro se action challenging his "unauthorized adjudication as a 'habitual criminal'" under the California Three Strikes Law. Although petitioner identifies the pleading as a petition for an "auxiliary writ" under 28 USC §§ 1651 & 2241, given the allegations contained therein the court construes it as a second or successive petition for a writ of habeas corpus under 28 USC § 2254. His first 28 USC § 2254 petition was denied on the merits by this court on July 29, 2005. See Johnson v Pliler, No C 01-0547 VRW (PR), Doc #54.

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A second or successive petition may not be filed in the district court unless the petitioner first obtains from the appropriate federal court of appeals an order authorizing the district court to consider the petition. 28 USC § 2244(b)(3)(A). Petitioner has not obtained an order from the Ninth Circuit authorizing this court to consider his current petition. Accordingly, the petition is DISMISSED without prejudice subject to refiling if petitioner obtains the necessary order. The clerk shall close the file and terminate any pending motions as moot. IT IS SO ORDERED. United States District Chief Judge G:\PRO-SE\VRW\HC.09\Johnson-09-948-dismissal-successive.wpd